REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and favorable reconsideration and reexamination of the subject application, as amended, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. § 1.112, and in light of the remarks which follow, are respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, claims 15 and 19 have been amended to delete the Markush grouping language from claim 15 and to replace the term "method" with the term "composition" in claim 19. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added via this amendment.

Abstract

The Examiner deems that the application does not contain an Abstract. Applicants are enclosing an Abstract, which should render this rejection moot.

Oath/Declaration

The Examiner has deemed that the Oath/Declaration is defective. Applicants are enclosing a new executed Oath/Declaration.

Specification

The specification has also been amended to insert "Brief Description of the Drawings" at page 2.

35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 15 and 17-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 15 has been amended to delete "selected from the promoter" and claim 19 has been amended to delete the term "method" which is now replaced with the term "composition" which should render this rejection now moot. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection of the claims.

Appl. No. 09/454,737 Amendment dated September 24, 2003 Reply to Office Action of December 3, 2003

Summary

From the foregoing, favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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